

II. Remarks

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-33 are currently pending. Claims 21-33 were previously cancelled. No amendments have been made herein.

B. Election of Species

In the Office Communication, the Examiner alleged that Applicant's February 20, 2007 Response was not fully responsive, stating that Applicants failed to elect a species as required in the January 17, 2007 Restriction Requirement.

Applicants note that the January 17, 2007 Restriction Requirement required an election of species only for claim 30. Claim 30 was cancelled in Applicants' February 20, 2007 Response, as it did not read on the elected invention, therefore no election should be required. However, in a May 17, 2007 telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney, Stephanie Hsieh, the Examiner indicated that claim 20 was to be subject to an election requirement as well.

Therefore, in response to the election requirement for claim 20, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, RQ11+12 as the single RNA.

III. Conclusion

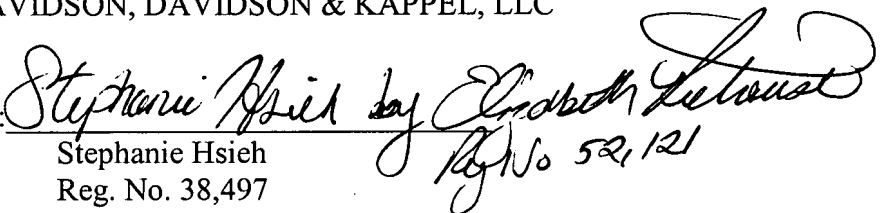
It is believed that no fees are due with the submission of this communication. If it is determined that any fee is due in connection with this filing, the Examiner is specifically authorized to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

• Respectfully submitted,

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